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REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment is proper because it narrows the issues on appeal and does not require further search by the Examiner.

Applicant concurrently files herewith a petition and fee for a one month extension of time.

A Request for Reconsideration and Withdrawal of Final Rejection was filed June 30, 2005. An Advisory Action dated July 18, 2005 indicates that the Request did not result in allowance of the application. Thus, the present Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 is being filed to obtain allowance of the application.

Claims 1-12, 14, 16-20, 22 and 24-26 are presently pending in the application. The final rejection indicates that claim 22 was allowed and that claim 13 and 25 were allowable, but were dependent from a rejected claim.

By the above amendments, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 13, and claim 13 has been cancelled. Claim 25 has been amended to be dependent from claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-12, 14, 16-20, 22 and 24-26, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are allowable, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such action would be appreciated.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary for allowance in a telephonic or

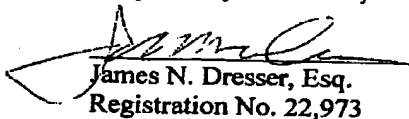
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personal interview.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in fees, including extension of time fees, or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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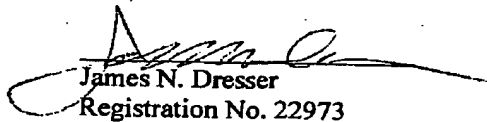
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I hereby certify that I am filing this Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 by facsimile with the United States Patent and Trademark Office to Examiner Dave A. Ghatt, Group Art Unit 2854 at fax number 571-273-8300 this 3rd day of August 2005.


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